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**NEW: Frederick Kilgour, founder of OCLC, dies at 92:** Frederick G. Kilgour, founder of OCLC, died July 31 in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. He was 92 years old. He is survived by his wife, Eleanor, and three daughters. His innovations have vastly increased the availability of library resources for millions of people around the world. His vision continues to influence the evolution of research, scholarship and education in the digital age. Kilgour is widely recognized as one of the leading figures in 20th century librarianship for his work in using computer networks to increase access to information in libraries around the world. He was among the earliest proponents of adapting computer technology to library processes. At the dawn of library automation in the early 1970's, he founded OCLC, the Online Computer Library Center, and led the creation of a library network that today links 55,000 institutions in 110 countries. The database that Kilgour created, now called WorldCat, is regarded as the world's largest computerized library catalog, including not only entries from large institutions such as the Library of Congress, the British Library, the Russian State Library and Singapore, but also from small public libraries, art museums and historical societies. It contains descriptions of library materials and their locations. More recently, the database provides access to the electronic full text of articles, books as well as images and sound recordings. It spans 4,000 years of recorded knowledge. It contains more than 70 million records and one billion location listings. Every 10 seconds a library adds a new record. It is available on the World Wide Web. Thanks to Kilgour, WorldCat connects libraries of all types and sizes, from giant research libraries to small public libraries around the world. It enables people to have access to library collections irrespective of where they are located. OCLC plans to celebrate Fred's life and his contributions to the public good in a number of venues in the coming months.

**NEW: The Barbara Van Brimmer Academic Awards:** The awards honor an accomplished Ohio State University Library Scientist whose passion for medical history and the history of medicine contributed to the creation of the Medical Heritage Center at the Prior Health Sciences Library at The Ohio State University. Individual awards are intended to support Ohio State University faculty or professional staff engaged in academic activities in the fields of library information and library science in the acquisition of new knowledge related to medical history and the history of medicine, and

those interested in preservation training and education. Appropriate areas or topics for support include an innovative research project, a specific educational experience, or a well-defined career enrichment activity. Importantly, the activity would take place under the aegis of a nationally known educational program. Submission of application should include:

1. Brief description of course, program, seminar, workshop or research to be supported,
2. The dates of above activity,
3. Sponsoring institution or organization providing the opportunity,
4. Location and purpose of the opportunity; how this will benefit the individual in their position, career objectives, etc.,
5. Specific dollar request and indication (budget) of how the funds will be used, i.e. travel, tuition, etc.

Submit application for awards in MS Word or Adobe Acrobat attachment to: John Kleberg, Van Brimmer Committee Chair, [jkleberg@studentaffairs.org](mailto:jkleberg@studentaffairs.org) Application deadline is September 1, 2006.

***"Redesigning Large Courses for Cost Savings and Improved Learning,"  
Monday, August 24, Noon - 4:30 p.m., 150 Younkin Success Center, 1640 Neil Ave.:***

Carolyn Jarmon, associate director of the National Center for Academic Transformation (NCAT) will provide this workshop on re- designing the large course. NCAT administered the highly successful PEW Project on Course Re-design, and Carolyn will share findings from that set of projects and many others. The overall message is that re-designing large courses can save substantial money and improve student learning outcomes. There also will be a demonstration of "The Digital Bookshelf," a method to collect on-line resources and deliver them tightly tied to a syllabus. Attendance by instructional teams is encouraged. Lunch will be served. Registration link:

<https://newman.uts.ohio-state.edu/TELR/>

***"Sullivant Learning Commons at The Ohio State University," Summer CO-ASIS&T Program, Wednesday, August 23, 6:30-8 p.m., Sullivant Library/Sullivant Hall, 1813 N. High St., Room 244A:*** Join Presenters Anne Fields and Todd Wulfhorst and see how Ohio State University Libraries has implemented the "learning commons" concept. RSVP for the program to LAURA CHENG at <mailto:yrc Cheng@kent.edu>, and don't forget to supply your mailing address if you would like to receive a parking pass.

*The next issue of QuickNotes will be sent to "Liball" on Tuesday, August 8. If you have something you'd like included, send it to Larry Allen at [allen.916@osu.edu](mailto:allen.916@osu.edu) by Monday, August 7. Please make the subject heading "QuickNotes."*